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SUBJECT: B-1 DECISION: SOVIETS REPORT IT; BUT JUST BARELY

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SUMMARY: SOVIETS GRUDGINLY REPORT PRESIDENT'S DECISION
NOT TO PROCEED WITH B-1 BOMBER DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IZVESTIYA JUNE 30 (EVENING) CARRIED FINAL PRE-PRESS
CONFERENCE STORY ON B-1 BOMBER NOTING THAT NO FINAL WORD
YET MADE ON WHETHER PRESIDENT WOULD GO AHEAD WITH PROGRAM.

HOWEVER, IT CITED NYTIMES PREDICTION THAT APPROVAL OF B-1 WAS LIKELY, AND POINTED OUT THAT HOUSE HAD ALREADY VOTED FUNDING. JULY 1 PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVYESDA (MOD DAILY) CARRIED TASS REPORT WHICH COVERED PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND LED WITH NOTATION THAT CARTER REVEALED HIS DECISION TO DEVELOP "NEW TYPE OF STRATEGIC WEAPON, THE SO-CALLED CRUISE MISSILE" WHICH ARTICLE GOES ON TO DESCIRBE AS ONE OF MAJOR OBSTACLES TO SALT AGREEMENT.

2. ONLY AFTER THIS DOES SECOND (AND FINAL) PARAGRAPH OF SHORT TASS STORY REPORT THAT PRESIDENT "RECOMMENDED" NOT GOING AHEAD WITH B-1 BOMBER PROGRAM. SAME PARA ENDS BY REPEATING ITEM ABOUT HOUSE PASSAGE OF 1.4 MILLION DOLLARS FOR B-1 PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSTANT SOVIET PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE B-1 PROGRAM, TODAY'S NIGGARDLY RECOGNITION THAT THE PRESIDENT DECIDED AGAINST B-1 IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE DISINCLINED GIVE FAVORABLE PRESS TO PRESIDENT CARTER NOW REGARDLESS OF WHAT HE DOES.

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